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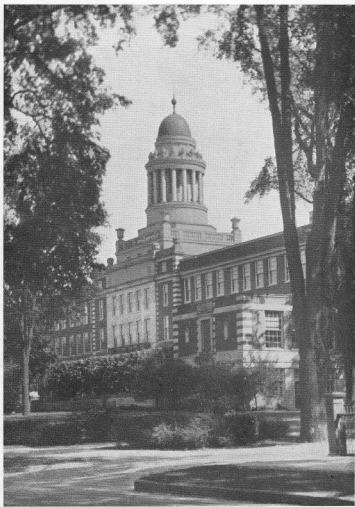


*We, the January Class of 1939, dedicate this year book
to the pilot of our ship, our beloved
friend and adviser*

MR. MILON J. HERRICK

The School





(Photograph by Mr. Milton J. Herrick)

Alma Mater Song

By Esther Kierstead '38 and Friend Kierstead, Jr. '39

Tune: "All Thru the Night"

Guardian elm trees cast their shadows

O'er thy ivied walls;

Sons and daughters ever loyal

Throng thy honored halls.

Pittsfield High School, Pittsfield High School,

Alma Mater dear,

Help us to preserve thy honor

Through each coming year.

Great has been thy former record,

Greater will it be,

As the future generations

Sing their praise to thee.

Proud are we who through thy portals

Into life do pass;

Help us ever to be worthy,

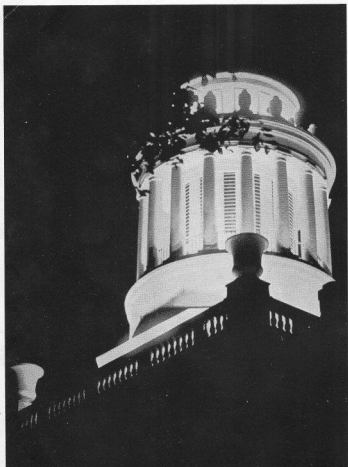
Each and every class.

Pittsfield High School, Pittsfield High School,

Alma Mater dear,

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Through each coming year.



(Photograph by Mr. Arthur Palmer)



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Vice-Principal



MR. ARTHUR GOODWIN
Vice-Principal



Mr. James W. Meehan
Instructor in Social Sciences at Pittsfield High School
1930-1938

Tribute to Mr. Meehan

Among our golden memories
Is one of silver gray,
Darkened by our sadness, yet
Untarnished in a way.

Unselfish in his duty,
To us he gave his all,
But little did we know it;
Our gratitude was small.

It was not until he left us
That we could appreciate
All the things he did for us,
And then it was too late.

Beyond the veil of sadness
Is a light that shines anew
For those of us who follow
In the work he used to do.

George Scott

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Barb, Bobbie

Activities: Tri-Hi '36, '37, '38; Home Room Secretary '36; Shawn Dancing '37, '38; Glee Club '37; Tennis '36; Usher Senior Play '38.
Ambition: To be able to make myself heard.

JOHN ALFONSO

Bananas, Bonzo

Ambition: To think up some new kind of banana soup.

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DORIS C. ANDREWS

Dot

Ambition: To stand up when I go skating.

PAUL CHARLES ARONSTEIN *lead*

Paulie, Pash

Activities: Debating Club '36, '37; Ticket Committee Junior Prom; Publicity Chairman Senior Play; Staff of Year Book; Advertising Staff Year Book; Senior Play Committee; Usher Graduation '38.
Ambition: To travel as far and wide as Miss Nagle.

ELIZABETH MARIE AUGER

Betty

Ambition: To be able to break an egg without putting my thumb through the yolk.

FRANCIS WILLIAM BACON

Ace, Flash, Deuce

Activities: Wrestling '37, '38; Social Dancing; Traffic Officer '37; Ski Team '36; Decorating Committee Junior Prom.
Ambition: To convince J. P. of my ability to write poetically.

JOSEPH ANTHONY BARILE

Joe

Activities: Publicity Committee Senior Play.
Ambition: To kill the "jitter" bug.

LILLIAN RITAMAE BELCHER

Lil

Activities: Usher at Graduation '38; Picture Committee.
Ambition: To make a custard pie with the crust on the bottom.

MARY ROSE BIANCO

Maire

Activities: Refreshment Committee Junior Prom; Squad Leader '36, '37, '38.
Ambition: To become Paderewski's under-study.

DORINO BENNIE BLASIOLI

Tony

Activities: Foreman of Machine Shop Group B.
Ambition: Toolmaker.



BARBARA JEANNE ABELL

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Activities: Tri-Hi '36, '37, '38; Home Room Secretary '36; Shaven Dancing '37, '38; Glee Club '37; Tennis '36; Usher Senior Play '38.
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ALEXANDER GEORGE BOCKING

Bock

Ambition: To get away from it all.

ROSE ANTHEA BOIVIN

Ambition: To marry a man who can cook.

BERNICE MAE BOLAND

Bernie, Bern

Activities: Baseball; Basketball; Track.

Ambition: To roller skate on my feet and not my hands.

BARBARA MARIETTA BONZANINI

Barb

Activities: Invitation Committee Junior Prom; Bowling; Usher Senior Play.

Ambition: To be able to chew gum in Miss Millett's room without getting caught.

ARLENE AGNES BOVETT

Arle

Activities: Refreshment Committee Junior Prom; Usher Graduation '38; Cap and Gown Committee; Bowling '36, '37.

Ambition: To master skiing.

WINTHROP EDWARD BOYD

Winnie

Activities: Advertising Staff Student's Pen.

Ambition: To own a racing car.

CATHERINE JULIA BROWN

Kay-Kate

Activities: Baseball Team '36; Volleyball Team '38; Archery; Hockey

Ambition: To see the Sophs come on roller skates.

WALTER BUKSA

Buck

Ambition: To become a business man.

GEORGE WARD BUNNELL

Bunny

Ambition: Chief ambition to get out of high school.

LOUIS JAMES BURKE

Lou

Ambition: To get 100 in Senior Math for a change.



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JEAN LACEY BURNES

Jeanie

Activities: Home Room Secretary '37, '38; Ring Committee '38; Usher Graduation '38; Usher Teacher's Convention '38; Candy Committee Senior Play; Usher Senior Play; Banquet Committee.

Ambition: To be a Cook! (Capital C)

BERNARD EDWARD CARMELL

Bernie, Carmell *dead*

Activities: Football '36, '37, '38; Gym '36, '37, '38; Staff Year Book; Cast of Senior Play; Banquet Committee.

Ambition: To make clear the distinction between Carmell and caramel.

LOUISE THERESA CARNEVALE

Weszer *Donnell*

Activities: Refreshment Committee Junior Prom; Bowling '36, '37; Baseball '36; Candy Committee '38.

Ambition: To see if there really is a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

ETHEL MAY CHAMBERS

Nicky

Activities: Class Song; Hockey; Archery; Basketball; Class Prophecy.

Ambition: To paint a picture that Rembrandt would be proud of.

ANTHONY VINCENT CHIARETTO

Chic, Tages

Activities: Football; Gym.

Ambition: Civil Engineer.

JOSEPH JAMES CHRISTOPHER

Chris, Joey *dead*

Ambition: To be able to go to a Girl's League dance without seeing a lot of Sophs there.

JOHN FRANCIS CLARY

Gock, Jock, Blondy *dead*

Activities: Advertising Staff Year Book; Usher Senior Play; Banquet Committee.

Ambition: To go beyond the WPA.

GEORGE WILLIAM CLUM

Buddy

Ambition: Criminologist and author (not original but they are ambitions.)

JOSEPH NICHOLAS COLTRARA

Joe, Concer

Activities: Leader's Class '36, '38; Track '36.

Ambition: To chew gum in Miss Morse's room without getting caught.

CORNELIUS MARC CONNELLY

Pudge, Moe *dead*

Activities: Ticket Committee Junior Prom; Traffic '37; Class President.

Ambition: To make Miss Kalisher allow more time to take tests.

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ANTHONY JOSEPH CONTI

Bull

Activities: Football '37; Baseball '37, '38; Refreshment Committee Junior Prom; Ticket Committee; Play Committee; Banquet Committee.

Ambition: To learn how to dance all the fast numbers.

BRUNO CORINO

Kid Cork

Ambition: The accomplishment of convincing Miss Kalher of the short amount of time she allows for the completion of a test.

ROBERT COSTELLO

Costi

Ambition: To go into Miss Carmel's room without a cover on my book.

GEORGE ROBERT COTE

Nemo

Activities: Decoration Committee Junior Prom; Traffic '36, '37; Stage Manager Senior Play.

Ambition: To understand Boswell's "Life of Samuel Johnson".

HELEN M. CRONIN

Tiger

Activities: Tri-Hi '36, '37, '38, Treasurer Tri-Hi '37, Vice President Tri Hi, Chairman of Invitation Committee Junior Prom; Usher Senior Play; Staff of Year Book; Banquet Committee.

Ambition: To prove to Mr. Carey that my innocent look isn't a fake.

THOMAS DAVERIN

Red

Ambition: To become regular water boy for Zeppa Zye Club.

ROBERT WILLIAM DONNA

Bob

Activities: Football '36, '37, '38; Senior Play Ticket Committee.

Ambition: To get up before 7:30 mornings.

HENRY PAUL ELLINS

Monk

Activities: A&A.

Ambition: To remember what most other intellectual men have forgotten.

ALBERTA MARY ELLIOTT

Allie, Al

Activities: Program Committee Senior Play.

Ambition: To see the Sophomores come in baby carriages.

PATRICK JOSEPH ENNIS

Mr. Penpoint

Ambition: To find out who the "Lone Ranger" is.



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RICHARD BERNARD FIELDS

Bud, Dick

Activities: Boxing '37; Cap and Gown Committee; Traffic Officer '37
Ambition: To see the World's Fair.



NORMA ELIZABETH FOLEY

Norm, Buttons

Activities: Usher Teacher's Convention; Home Room Secretary '36, '37; Usher Senior Play '38.
Ambition: To prove to Mr. Lynch that I don't live in the sticks, (Coltsville).



PAUL FERNANDO FORMEL

Poss

Activities: Cap and Gown Committee; Six Man Football; Banquet Committee.
Ambition: To get a little.



ANDREW DAVID FRESIA

Andy

Activities: Cap and Gown Committee; Decoration Committee Junior Prom; Traffic Officer '37.
Ambition: To see a WPA worker work.



OLGA ELIZABETH GALVAGNI

Oggie, Oga

Ambition: To be able to make a chocolate cake that won't sink.

ALBERT GEORGE GIAGNORIO

Dutch, Al

Ambition: Bodyguard for Mussolini.

LILLIAN FRANCES GILLET

Lillums, Gil

Activities: Squad Leader '37; Tennis '37; Decorating Committee Junior Prom; Usher Graduation '38; Senior Play Committee; Chairman of Ushers for Senior Play; Candy Committee Senior Play; Cap and Gown Committee; Class Day Committee.
Ambition: To have summer all year round.

NANETTE DORIS GOETZE

Nan, Moot

Activities: Class Officer '37, '38, '39; Decoration Committee Junior Prom; Usher Graduation '38; Decoration Committee Graduation; Usher at Teacher's Convention; Candy Committee for Senior Play; Class Day Committee; Cast of Senior Play; Banquet Committee.
Ambition: To acquire an ambition.

LEWIS A. GOMES

Prof, Lefty Gomez

Activities: Committee for Junior Prom; Chairman of Cap and Gown Committee; Business Manager of Year Book; Chief Laboratory Assistant and Movie Operator; Crew for Senior Play.
Ambition: To match Miss Kaliber's matching tests.

JOHN LAWRENCE GRAY, JR.

Shorty, Larry

Ambition: To do away with alarm clocks.



JOHN HENRY HARDER

Jack

Activities: Gym Leader; Social Dancing; Tap Dancing.
Ambition: To join the navy airforce.

HELEN MABEL HARRIS

Honey

Activities: Decorating Committee Graduation '38; Usher Graduation '38; Picture Committee.

Ambition: To buy Mr. Leahy a new joke book.

ELEANOR JANE HERFORTH

El, Pussy

Ambition: To be able to catch up with my runs.

STEPHEN HOMICH, JR.

Steve

Activities: Cap and Gown Committee.

Ambition: To get a good paying job from 12:00 noon 'til 1:00 P. M. with an hour for lunch.

JANE FRANCES HUGHES

Squidge, Little One

Activities: Glee Club '37; Refreshment Committee Junior Prom '38; Usher for Graduation '38; Usher for Senior Play '38; Treasurer of G-Y Club; Class Day Committee.

Ambition: To obtain a decent nickname.

HELEN VERONICA HURLEY

Bonnie

Activities: Cast of Senior Play; Secretary of Motion Picture Club '38; Girls' Glee Club; Staff Supervisor's Plus; Usher Teacher's Convention '38; Senior Play Committee; Chairman of Program Committee for Senior Play.

Ambition: To edit my own spelling book.

MARY MATTHEW IRELAND

Molly

Ambition: To sing a duet with Nelson Eddy.

SYLVIA PEARL ISRAELS

Syl, Redhead

Activities: Usher Graduation '38; Usher Teacher's Convention '38; Picture Committee.

Ambition: To play the role of Scarlet O'Hara.

ALBERT JAFFE

Bucky

Activities: A. Z. A.

Ambition: To find the shortest way to get to college.

LORRAYNE JANSEN

Lorri

Activities: Sophomore Baseball; Volley Ball; Dancing Class; Usher at Senior Play.

Ambition: To be a taster at a pickle factory.



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John Nelson

BERTHA PRISCILLA KEILER

Bet

Activities: House Committee Junior Prom; Tennis '37; Volleyball '37; Ring Committee, Usher at Senior Play.

Ambition: To grow so tall that certain people couldn't call me "shrimp."

LOUISE A. KEMP

Lou

Activities: Squad Leader; Cap and Gown Committee; G-Y.

Ambition: To prove to the teachers my laugh isn't as bad as it sounds.

WILLIAM STUART KENT

Bill

Activities: Chairman of House Committee; Junior Prom Ticket Committee '39; Cast of Senior Play; Class Day Committee; Usher at Graduation '38; Glee Club.

Ambition: To be a good singer and please Miss Kalher.

ELIZABETH NETTIE KIMBALL

Betty, Tony, Tiny, Betsy

Activities: Home Room Secretary '36, '37; Motion Picture Club; Girls' Glee Club; Program Committee for Senior Play; Writers' Staff of Senior Year Book.

Ambition: To run a peanut stand.

ROSEMARY ELLEN KINNEY

Ro

Activities: Home Room Secretary '37; Invitation Committee of Junior Prom; Usher at Graduation '38; Usher at Junior League Play; Cast of Senior Play.

Ambition: To take Katherine Cornell's place on the legitimate stage.

FLOYD ARTHUR KNIGHT

Ambition: To work in an icecream parlor.

CHARLES HUGH KNOX

Chuck, Charlie, Chas

Activities: Glee Club '38; Senior Play Cast.

Ambition: To be the first president of the Zeppa Zye.

NINA KORONCHIK

Nin

Ambition: To be always youthful.

LEO GERARD LAMY

Gerry

Activities: Motion Picture Club; Ticket Committee of Senior Play.

Ambition: To further my education.

ALLEN CHARLES LASHER

Gabby

Activities: Ring Committee.

Ambition: To get some ambition.

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RUTH GLENN LEHMANN

Blondie

Activities: Staff of Year Book; Music.

Ambition: To see Santa Claus come down the chimney on Xmas Eve.

LEON LEVINE

Lee

Activities: Humor Editor of Brunner's Pen '38; Member of Radio Guild; Editorial Staff of Year Book; Advertising Staff of Year Book; Committee for Senior Play; Ticket Committee of Junior Prom; Chairman of Ticket Committee for Senior Play; Banquet Committee.

Ambition: To be as good a judge of human nature as Virgil was.

MURRAY S. LEVINE

Chicky

Activities: Glee Club Picture Committee; Cast of Senior Play; Ticket Committee for Senior Play; A. Z. A.

Ambition: To originate a system of marking better (if possible) than Mr. Herberg's system of dots.

JOSEPH LITÁNO

Mike

Activities: Sports; Football '38.

Ambition: To see what the world looks like.

PAUL THOMAS MACDONALD

Mac

Activities: Student's Pen; Publicity Committee of Senior Play; Intramural Sports '38.

Ambition: To be able to paint a picture without someone saying, "That's fine, what is it?"

HELEN LOUISE McKEE

Maxie

Activities: Advertising Staff of Year Book; Class Day Committee; Candy Committee.

Ambition: To invent something that will catch up with stockings that run.

CHARLOTTE MAY MACKELVIE

Pepper

Activities: Tennis '36; Basketball '36; Track '36; Hockey Squad '36; Glee Club '36, '37, '38; Refreshment Committee at Junior Prom; Usher at Graduation '38; Senior Play Committee; Cast of Senior Play; Class Prophecy; Advertising Staff of Year Book.

Ambition: To have people stop wondering why I am so fond of Boston.

THELMA MAUDE MACKINNON

Timmy, Chummy

Activities: Staff of Year Book; Hockey '36; Dancing Class '36.

Ambition: To learn how to make seven minute frosting in three minutes.

EDNA MAY MAGILL

Heyseed

Activities: Cast of Senior Play; Class Day Committee; Ticket Committee of Senior Play.

Ambition: Teaching.

MARY CATHERINE MAKES

Activities: Junior Prom Committee; Usher at Graduation '38; Home Room Secretary '36, '37, '38; Usher at Senior Play; Co-Y Bowling '36, '37.

Ambition: To further my education.



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JOHN EDWARD MANGUM, JR.

Activities: Class Day Committee; Decorating Committee Junior Prom; Class Historian; Cast of Senior Play; President of Dramatic Club; Chairman of Publicity Committee of Junior Prom.

Ambition: To sail the U. S. S. Saratoga up the Housatonic to Pittsfield.



MARY DELIA MARKHAM

Blondie, Lee

Activities: Dancing '36.

Ambition: To learn how to make a dress without seams.



HELEN MARKOWITZ

Marky

Activities: High School Orchestra.

Ambition: To have Mr. Maloney as an economist to find a new method of raising prices on economic marks.



SOLOMON HARRY MARKOWITZ

Slime

Activities: House Committee of Junior Prom; Picture Committee; Advertising Staff of Year Book.

Ambition: To make a pickled herring in one day instead of five.



JOSEPH FRANK MARZANO

Butts

Ambition: To be Hitler's executioner.



MARION ELIZABETH MEEHAN

Nancy

Activities: Reception Committee of Junior Prom.

Ambition: To find out what the catcher says to the pitcher on the mound.



DONALD JOSEPH MEYER

Monk

Activities: Sports; Football '38.

Ambition: To join the navy not to see the seas, but to see the world.



CHARLES RICHARD MILLER

Chuck

Activities: Class Day Committee; Advertising Staff of Year Book.

Ambition: To conquer the English language.



GEORGE FREDERIC MILNE *Wind*

Hap, Happy

Activities: Football '36, '37; Glee Club '38; Dramatic Club '36, '37, '38; Chairman of Junior Prom; Chairman of Senior Play; Cast of Senior Play; Class Day Committee; President of Hi-Y '37, '38.

Ambition: To have curly hair.



JOSEPH STANLEY MISZCZAK

Shorty, Meez, Penny

Activities: Class Vice President; Ticket Committee of Junior Prom; Cast of Senior Play; Advertising Staff for Year Book; Usher Committee at Graduation '38.

Ambition: To find out what a flat foot floogie is.

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JOSEPH CARMEN MOGAVERO

Mogi

Activities: Chairman of Ring Committee; Chairman of Ticket Committee of Junior Prom; Usher at Graduation '38; Ticket Committee of Senior Play; Circulating Manager of Year Book.

Ambition: To have a good time.

ELIZABETH MARY MOLE

Betty

Activities: Ticket Committee of Senior Play; Advertising Staff of Year Book.

Ambition: To live in a House of Seven Gables. (Clark's Nephews)

CHARLES B. MONTEROSSO

Charlie

Ambition: I'm not ambitious.

EDITH IRENE MOORE

Edie

Activities: Student's Pen '36, '37; Editor of Short Stories '38; Advertising Committee Junior Prom; Editor of the Year Book.

Ambition: To remember it.

JEAN IVA MORGAN

J. P.

Activities: Tennis '37; Cap and Gown Committee; Music; Bowling '37.

Ambition: To follow "The Flight of the Bumble Bee."

FRANCIS MORIARITY

LESLIE IRVING MORSE

Irv

Activities: Glee Club; School Radio Play.

Ambition: To drink tea with Hitler on my right and Mussolini on my left.

PATRICIA ANGELINE MOYCE

Magpie, Tootie

Activities: Staff of Year Book.

Ambition: To see the day when the boys will quit wearing pineapple haircuts.

HELEN CATHERINE MULLEN

Baby

Ambition: To be a good amateur photographer.

ALYCE ELIZABETH MURPHY

Murph

Activities: Advertising Staff of Year Book.

Ambition: To reach next to the highest rung of the ladder—a job when I graduate.





MARION JUDETH ANN MURPHY

Nappy, Murfee

Activities: House Committee of Junior Prom; Goodwill Committee; Usher at '38 Graduation; Ticket Committee for Senior Play; Cast of Senior Play; Advertising Staff for Year Book.
Ambition: To leave the "fog" behind me.



RICHARD ANTHONY MURPHY

Murph

Activities: Picture Committee.
Ambition: To write my name on the North and South poles and to walk around the world on the equator.



JENNIE MADELINE NAPRAVA

Jen

Activities: Baseball '36, '37, '38; Hockey '36, '37; Track '36, '37, '38; Basketball '37, '38; Tennis '36, '37, '38; Bowling '37; Squad Leader '36, '37, '38; Archery '38; Usher at Graduation '38; Usher at Teacher's Convention '38; Goodwill Committee '38; Chairman of Candy Committee '38; Decorating Committee at Graduation '38; Usher at Senior Play '38; Advertising Staff of Year Book.
Ambition: To be an Olympic star.



JOHN NELSON

married B. Kiley died
Bar, Beak

Ambition: I'm not ambitious.



RUTH NEWTON

Activities: Usher at Senior Play '38; Tennis '37; Glee Club '37; Tri-Hi '36, '37, '38; Treasurer of Tri-Hi '38; Reception Committee Junior Prom '38.
Ambition: To be able to control my everlasting blushes.



HARRY JOHN NUGAI

Ambition: To eat, sleep, and do nothing.

ANTHONY JAMES NUGENT

Tony, Red

Activities: Baseball '38.
Ambition: To be late for school.

OVILA JOSEPH PALARDY

Red

Activities: Social Dancing; Gym; Basketball '37.
Ambition: Go places and do things.

CARMEN SANTO PIZZUTO

Chuck

Activities: Football '36, '38.
Ambition: To be ambitious.

ZITA MADELINE PORRO

Zi

Activities: Secretary Senior Class; Tri-Hi '37, '38; Secretary of Tri-Hi '38; Cast of Senior Play; Senior Play Ticket Committee; Usher at '38 Graduation; Decorating Committee for '38 Graduation; Ticket Committee for Junior Prom.
Ambition: To find some way that would keep people from teasing me about a certain J. M.

NORMAN HARVEY REES

Doc, Ichie, Norm

Ambition: Undertaker. To sell my whip rockets for automobiles.

ANTHONY JOSEPH RIZZO

Riz

Ambition: To make a lot of money, but not work for it.

ELEANOR MARY ROE

Activities: Usher at Graduation '38; G-Y '38; Usher at Teacher's Convention; Invitation Committee Junior Prom.

Ambition: To find out who blew out the flame.

ELINOR MILDRED ROSS

Rossie

Activities: Candy Committee of Seneca Play; House Committee Junior Prom; Advertising Committee of Year Book.

Ambition: To keep at least one eye open while eating a grapefruit.

GORDON BAILEY RUESCH

Gordon Bailey Ruesch

Activities: Football '36, '38; Basketball '36; Gym Exhibition '36, '37; Gym Team '37; Torch H-Y.

Ambition: To prove to Miss McCormick that what I said about Edna St. Vincent Millay is true.

CARLO JOSEPH SACCHETTI

Dolly

Activities: Ring Committee; Advertising Staff of Year Book.

Ambition: To be a teacher so that I may hand out homework every night.

FRANCES ANN SACCHETTI

Franny

Activities: Baseball '37.

Ambition: If I come back as a P. G. and have Mr. Geary for any class, that he'll let me choose my own seat.

CAMELLIA STELLA SAHARCESKI

Cam

Ambition: To skate backwards.

LUCY LORRETTA SCALISE

Babe, Lu

Activities: Baseball '37, '38; Tennis '37; Track '38; Basketball '36; Banquet Committee.

Ambition: To persuade Miss Newton that it is alright to chew gum in school.

GEORGE PRESCOTT SCOTT

Scotty, Handlebar, Clark

Activities: Football '37, '38; Debating Club '36; Students' Psn '38; Prom Decorating Committee; Senior Play Committee; Year Book; Laboratory Assistant.

Ambition: To grow a mustache with curly ends.



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LAWRENCE EMANUEL SELKOWITZ

Larry

Activities: Orchestra '36, '37, '38; Band '36, '37, '38; Social Dancing; Picture Committee.

Ambition: To swing and sway with Sammy Kaye.

KENNETH SHAW

Ken

Activities: Torch Hi-Y; Decorating Committee of Junior Prom.

Ambition: To balance the New Deal budget.

RITA ANNE SHERMAN

Activities: Squad Leader '37; Basketball '36, '37; Baseball '37, '38; Volleyball '37; Usher at Graduation; Usher at Senior Play; Tri-Hi; Class Day Committee.

Ambition: To be successful.

INA SHORKEY

Activities: Reception Committee for Junior Prom.

Ambition: To be a second Florence Nightingale.

IRVING HOWARD SHUMWAY, JR. *Irving*

Jitterbug, Muscles, Frenchy

Activities: Traffic Officer '36, '37, '38; Dramatic Club '36, '37; Leaders Class '36; Decorating Committee of Junior Prom; Reception Committee of Junior Prom; Ticket Committee Senior Play; Staff of Year Book.

Ambition: To pass an English test honestly.

NELLIE THERESA SPASYK

Nell

Activities: Baseball '36, '37, '38; Hockey '36, '37; Track '36, '37, '38; Basketball '37, '38; Tennis '36, '37, '38; Bowling '37; Squad Leader '36, '37, '38; Archery '38; Decorating Committee for Junior Prom; Chairman of Goodwill Committee; Chairman of Picture Committee; Play Committee; Usher at '38 Graduation; Candy Committee for Senior Play.

Ambition: To see only the beautiful side of life.

ROBERT KARL STANTON

Bob

Ambition: Trumpeter.

ANNE PHOEBE STEBBINS

T. D., Anne

Activities: Decorating Committee of Junior Prom; Reception Committee of Junior Prom; Senior Play Committee; Glee Club '36, '37, '38; Prompter for Senior Play; Usher at Graduation '38; Banquet Committee.

Ambition: Four years from now to be taking the senior mid-years at Mt. Holyoke.

NORMA CAROLYN STOESSEL

Norm, Nor

Activities: Nominating Committee; Home Room Secretary '36, '37; Chairman of Reception Committee Junior Prom; Usher Graduation '38; Senior Play Cast; Glee Club; Usher Teacher's Convention.

Ambition: To find someone that appreciates my music.

CAROLYN TABOR

Kay

Activities: Squad Leader; Refreshment Committee of Junior Prom.

Ambition: To go someplace without forewarning to be careful.

ISABEL MILDRED THODE

Issy, Red

Activities: Picture Committee; Track '36; Squad Leader.
Ambition: To be able to see Pittsfield High furnishing elevators for the students.

REGINALD BERLIE THOMPSON, JR.

Tommy

Activities: Vice President of Torch Hi-Y; Captain of Corridor Traffic Squad; President of Pittsfield Youth Federation; Decoration Committee for Junior Prom; Orchestra; Track '36; Banquet Committee.
Ambition: To be able to "swing out" on my violin.

ROBERT JAMES THOMPSON

Bob, Tommy

Ambition: To find out what I am going to do after leaving school.

CHARLES FRANCIS TRZCINKA

Activities: Football; Traffic Officer.

Ambition: To see the world.

ROBERT LEROY TUCKER

Bob

Activities: Decorating Committee of Junior Prom.

Ambition: To tour the country in a trailer.

BERNICE LOUISE VIALE

Bunny

Activities: Chairman of Refreshment Committee Junior Prom '37; Usher Senior Graduation '38; Usher Senior Play; Member of G-Y; Ring Committee; Bowling '36, '37; Banquet Committee.

Ambition: To be successful.

DAVID HAMILTON WADE

Dave

Activities: Torch Hi-Y Secretary '38; Chairman of Decorating Committee for Junior Prom; Traffic Officer; Ring Committee; Ticket Committee Senior Play; Year Book.

Ambition: Manager of New York Zoological Zoo.

BRONICK ANTHONY WATROBA

Bronco

Activities: Social Dancing; Traffic Squad.

Ambition: To climb up and measure the North Pole.

MARY CAROLYN WEATHERBY

Shirley

Activities: Cash Register; Track '37; Class Day Program.

Ambition: To have a register that doesn't break one's nails.

GEORGE RAYMOND WHEELER

Activities: Radio Club; Social Dancing; Squad Leader.

Ambition: To remember not to forget.



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Margaret Olson
Jill

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LOUIS HENRY WINNARD

Louie

Activities: Committee for Junior Prom; Chairman of Decorating Committee Junior Prom; Play Committee; Cast of Senior Play '38; Glee Club '38; Chairman Class Day Committee.

Ambition: To join the U. S. Naval Air Force.

CHARLES GORDON WRIGHT

Gordy

Activities: P. H. S. Band and Orchestra '37; House Committee for Junior Prom; Usher Committee for Senior Play.

Ambition: To tour the country in a trailer.

EDWARD CHARLES WUINEE

Eddie

Activities: Cap and Gown Committee.

Ambition: To make money in the stock market.

HELEN NANCY ZACCARINI

Zacky

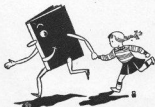
Activities: Cap and Gown Committee.

Ambition: To live on Big Rock Candy Mountain with Rip Van Winkle.

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Class Papers



Man Against Air

By Bertha Keiler

Maplewood Prize Essay

That "peace has its victories no less renowned than war" is quite evident when one glances through the pages of history. What victories won on the battlefield have ever brought a feeling of security and comfort equal to that bestowed by scientists through victories in their laboratories? No war has ever been known to bring nations closer together, yet science has done this, notably through man's conquest of the air.

Since the beginning of time, man has longed to fly. The earliest mention of this desire is in the Greek myth of Icarus and Daedalus, who made wings and fastened them to their backs with wax. Icarus flew too near the sun, the wax melted, and he plunged into the sea.

In the Middle Ages men wrote about such unbelievable things as airplanes. They were scoffed at. Leonardo da Vinci made many plans for flying machines which looked good on paper, but which would not work in reality. In the latter part of the eighteenth century, a paper manufacturer sent a balloon made of paper and filled with hot air into the skies. When it came down, the people attacked it and tore it to pieces. But the experiment proved that man could ascend into the air. However, he could not steer his vehicle where he wanted, but must depend upon the wind to guide him.

After studying the flight of birds, the discovery was made that air pressure held them up—not the flapping of wings. This resulted in the building of the first glider. Then came one invention after another—propeller, steam engine, double wing, and numerous others. Many were successful, some were not.

Probably two of the most noted of the inventors were Wilbur and Orville Wright, bicycle mechanics. They first experimented with gliders and later with biplanes. Wilbur Wright's first flight, on December 17, 1903, lasted only twelve seconds. This was an epoch-making flight, for, though it lasted but a few seconds, it proved that man could fly in heavier-than-air machines.

From that day to the present, progress in the building of airplanes has been continuous. The invention of the wind tunnel was a long stride toward greater safety. It is used to test the endurance of the wings, struts, and the bodies of planes, thus protecting the test pilot from many of the dangers braved by this death defier.

A never-ceasing attempt is being made to fly to greater heights. One United States Army plane is constantly making experimental flights into the stratosphere to learn more about it. There are a great many more planes going into the substratosphere—that is, slightly lower than the real stratosphere. The altitude record in 1909 was 1473 feet. The last record was made by F. R. D. Swain of the Royal Air Force of Great Britain, who reached 49,967 feet. The altitude record for balloons is over 100,000 feet. There are two advantages in stratosphere flying. The plane can fly above bad weather and clouds, and its speed is greatly increased.

The benefits wrought by the airplane are so numerous that to mention all of them would be impossible. Some of its uses are rather unusual and little known. The Forest

Patrol proves to be of great advantage during the dry season. It can detect a fire quickly and can radio for help. Airplanes are used to locate schools of fish and herds of seals. They are used to spray fields and forests in combatting insects. The Coast Guard has a number of planes in its service to prevent smuggling and other disorders along the coast.

The Commonwealth of Australia has established an aerial medical service. Portable radio sets have been developed and can be put into action as soon as the aerial is hung on a tree. The flying doctor covers an area of over twenty thousand miles a year. He attends directly to two hundred and fifty patients. Sometimes he treats his patients by wireless. This is a fine work and such medical service should be carried out in other countries as well.

Of course, the greatest achievement lies in the line of air mail and passenger service. Soon passengers will fly to Europe in a day in comfort and safety. When the airplane was in its early stages, the people never knew when they would be plunged into the sea like Icarus. The percentage of accidents is lower than for transportation on the ground. The Air Mail, started on a regular basis in the United States on May 15, 1918, has done much to bring nations and people closer together.

Air travel has come far from the paper manufacturer's balloon to the large airship of today, carrying a hundred passengers, far from the first glider to the huge trans-continental and stratosphere planes. Man has conquered the air, but he is destined to go much farther.

Graduation Program

JANUARY 24, 1939

Processional—"Pomp and Circumstance"	Elgar
Overture—"Pique Dame"—Suppe	High School Orchestra
Introductory Remarks	Cornelius Marc Connelly
	President of the Senior Class
Address	Reverend John McEleney, S. J.
	Rector of Shadowbrook
"Hungarian Dance—No. 6"—Brahms	High School Orchestra
Presentation of Prizes and Pro-Merito Awards	James E. Cullen
	Member of School Committee
Presentation of Diplomas	Honorable James Fallon
	Mayor of Pittsfield
Alma Mater Song (Words by Esther Kierstead '38 and Friend Kierstead, Jr. '39)	
Recessional—"National Emblem"	Bagley



(Photograph by Mr. Arthur Palmer)

"Prospice"

In the evening's restful quiet
When my day's work is done,
When the window lights are shaded
And peace at last has come,
Then I shall seek an armchair,
Take my year book from its rack,
Let every memory that I've known
Of Pittsfield High come back.

My thoughts will set me dreaming
In a strange half-solemn way
Of the feelings I experienced
On another long past day,
Of the way my heart made music
As I walked those spacious halls
Repeating with pride fond praises,
These are the things I'll recall:

A golden key to happiness,
A door that opened wide,
A thousand beaming faces there,—
All grief was dropped outside—
A temple filled with wisdom
And an ever willing cast,
A golden rule of right and wrong,
Then a sad, sad parting class.

I shall renew with pleasure
All these and many more
Of the gleaming priceless treasures
That I found within your doors.
Then my eyelids will grow heavy
And the stars will leave the sky
And I shall find myself once more
'Neath the dome of Pittsfield High.

Ethel Chambers

Scholarship Honors

HONOR ROLL

This list includes all students having a general average of 90% and above.

Lewis A. Gomes
Rosemary E. Kinney
Leon Levine
Joseph Stanley Miszczak
Zita Madeline Porro
Nellie Theresa Spasyk
Edward Charles Wuinee

PRO-MERITO

This list includes all students having a general average of 85% and above.

Lewis A. Gomes
Rosemary E. Kinney
Leon Levine
Charlotte May MacKelvie
Joseph Stanley Miszczak
Joseph Carmen Mogavero
Zita Madeline Porro
Elinor Mildred Ross
Carlo Joseph Sacchetti
George Prescott Scott
Nellie Theresa Spasyk
Norma Carolyn Stoessel
Edward Charles Wuinee

SPECIAL AWARDS

Maplewood Institute Prize Essay
Bertha Priscilla Keiler

Washington-Franklin Medal for Excellence in American History
Leon Levine

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Gold Medal for Excellence in Mathematics and Science
Lewis A. Gomes

Class Committees

JUNIOR PROM COMMITTEE

General Chairman George Milne

DECORATIONS

Chairman, David Wade

Berlie Thompson Nellie Spasyk
Kenneth Shaw Anne Stebbins
George Scott Nanette Goetz
Andrew Fresta Constance Miller

Joseph Barile

TICKETS

Chairman, Joseph Mogavero

Zita Porro Neil Connelly
Julia Michelman Vincent Monteleone
Joseph Misaczak Lewis Gomes

Paul Aronstein

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Chairman, William Kent

Eleanor Ross Solomon Markowitz
Marion Murphy Gordon Wright
Mary Diamond Louis Winnard

INVITATIONS

Chairman, Helen Cronin

Rosemary Kinney Eleanor Roe

Barbara Bontanini

RECEPTION

Chairman, Norma Stoessel

Jane Hughes Jack Rayner
Ina Sharkey Lawrence Gray
Marion Meehan Irving Shumway

Walter Sisson

REFRESHMENTS

Chairman, Bernice Viale

Arlene Bovett Charlotte MacKelvie
Mary Makes Carolyn Tabor
Louise Carnevale Anthony Nugent
Mary Bianco Anthony Conti

PUBLICITY

Chairman, John Mangum

John Nelson Paul MacDonald
John Alfonso Edith Moore

CLASS PICTURE COMMITTEE

Chairman, Nellie Spasyk

Lawrence Selkowitz Isabel Thode
Richard Murphy Helen Harris
Murray Levine Sylvia Israel
Solomon Markowitz Lillian Belcher

RING COMMITTEE

Chairman, Joseph Mogavero

Carlo Sacchetti Bertha Keiler
Bernice Viale Jean Burness
Allen Lasher David Wade

BANQUET COMMITTEE

Chairman, Charles Knox

Bernard Carmell Leon Levine
Anthony Conti Berlie Thompson
Paul Formel John Clary

SENIOR PLAY

CAST

George Milne Rosemary Kinney
William Kent Norma Stoessel
John Mangum Marion Murphy
Louis Winnard Zita Porro
Charles Knox Edna Magill
Murray Levine Helen Hurley
Bernard Carmell Nanette Goetz
Joseph Misaczak Charlotte MacKelvie
Neil Connelly George Robillard

George Scott

DIRECTOR

Miss Mary A. Kelly

PLAY COMMITTEE

Chairman, George Milne

Leon Levine George Scott
Lillian Gillett Anthony Conti
Anne Stebbins Paul Aronstein
Helen Hurley Louis Winnard
Charlotte MacKelvie Nellie Spasyk

STAGE CREW

Chairman, George Cote

Richard Fields Thomas Daverin

Lewis Gomes

PROGRAMS

Chairman, Helen Hurley

Elizabeth Kimball Alberta Elliott

Prompter, Anne Stebbins

CANDY

Chairman, Jennie Naprava

Lillian Gillett Jean Burness
Nanette Goetz Mary Bianco
Jean Morgan Louise Carnevale
Elinor Ross Norma Foley

Nellie Spasyk

TICKETS

Chairman, Leon Levine

Joseph Mogavero Marion Murphy
Zita Porro Elizabeth Mole
Robert Donna Murray Levine
Helen Cronin Edna Magill
David Wade William Kent
Girard Lamy Anthony Conti

CLASS DAY COMMITTEE

Louis Winnard Nanette Goetz
Joseph Misaczak Zita Porro
Neil Connelly Helen McKee
George Milne Rita Sherman
Charles Miller Edna Magill
John Mangum Mary Weatherby

CAP AND GOWN COMMITTEE

Chairman, Lewis Gomes

Louise Kemp Richard Fields
Helen Zaccarini Stephen Homich
Arlene Bovett Lillian Gillett
Edward Wuinee Andrew Fresta
Paul Formel Jean Morgan



THE SENIOR PLAY CAST

"Seventeen"

The Senior Class of January, 1939, presented "Seventeen" by Stange and Mears, December 16, 1938. The story centers about Willie Baxter (George Milne), a young man of seventeen, whose trials and tribulations are a source of much merriment throughout the play. His one great ambition is to have a dress suit with which he hopes to impress Lola Pratt (Rosemary Kinney), a young girl who is visiting at the home of May Parcher (Zita Porro), the girl next door. Willie's infatuation for Lola collapses when he sees that she isn't what she was "cracked up to be."

Willie's "sore spot" is his little sister Jane, played very cleverly by Marion Murphy. During the worst of his troubles, little sister Janie pesters him almost to the point of desperation. His boyhood friends, Joe Bullitt (Charles Knox) and Johnnie Watson (Louis Winnard), from whom he demands some respect, tease him about his high ideas concerning young men's clothing. They, too, have such ideas when they fall under the influence of the flirtatious Lola, who in the meantime, has been won over by a wealthy young man—George Crooper (Murray Levine)—who is visiting his cousin Johnnie Watson.

Willie's mother and father (Norma Stoessel and William Kent) try to help him over the "rough spots" and to convince him that he is too young for a dress suit. They are finally convinced of his fast-approaching manhood and reward him with his long-awaited evening clothes although said clothes formerly had belonged to Willie's father. Genesis, the colored man-servant of the Parchers, played by John Mangum, provided much comedy during the production.

The last scene of the play, as shown by the reaction of the audience, proved to be very amusing. In this scene—the farewell party given by Mr. Parcher (Bernard Carmell) for the main purpose of ridding his household of Lola Pratt—Willie was the object of several embarrassing situations. Among these was the query of Genesis as to "how come his pappy let him wear his ev'nin cloc's?" This gave great delight to the guests, Nanette Goetze, Helen Hurley, Edna Magill, Joseph Miszczak, Neil Connelly, George Robillard, and George Scott. Shortly before this, Willie had been forced into dancing with the bespectacled Ethel Boke, a very awkward girl, played by Charlotte MacKelvie. The only result he received from his patient endurance of her was "a kick in the shins."

Finally, disillusioned in regard to girls in general, Willie decides the only way to pick up the pieces of his life would be to go to college and begin anew.

There were many pleasant surprises in store for the audience, one of which was a tap dance given by Nanette Goetze and George Robillard; the other, two songs, "Remember" and "In the Gloaming", sung by George Milne, the star of "Seventeen."

The cast was coached by Miss Mary A. Kelly, and their capable performance is a tribute to her skill as a director.

Class Will

Let It Be Known to the Faculty, Innocent Sophomores, Sophisticated Juniors, and Lordly Senior B's of the Pittsfield High School, Pittsfield, Massachusetts, that this, the Pittsfield High School, so noble a place of learning, is about to lose its last January Graduating Class.

AS THE TIME is growing short, we draw up our last Will and Testament; and in so doing, we divide all our worldly goods and fortune, so expensively gained, among the Faculty and Schoolmates we leave behind.

ACCORDINGLY, we, the January, 1939, Graduating Class of Pittsfield High School, make the following bequests:

TO:

- 1—Mr. Strout: Ten Easy Lessons on how to fix grand pianos.
- 2—Mr. Moran: An elevator connecting his downstairs office with the main office on the first floor.
- 3—Mr. Goodwin: Another student like George Scott.
- 4—Miss Kelly: Our sincere thanks and appreciation for coaching us in the best Senior Play in the history of this school.
- 5—Miss Parker: A good office assistant.
- 6—Mr. Murray: A GOOD JOKE so we all may laugh.
- 7—Miss Nagle: Another Virgil Class as GOOD as her fourth period class.
- 8—Mr. Leahy: The initials of the two appreciative students who gave him the chemistry set for Christmas, 1937; namely, L. L. & P. A.
- 9—Miss Casey: A book on Careers.
- 10—Mr. Herberg: A pencil with which to write another book for math students to rack their brains over.
- 11—Miss Kaliher: A student who can win an argument from her, if we can find one.
- 12—Mr. Geary: Our sincere wishes that his June Graduating Class may be as good as our class.
- 13—Miss Prediger: Students with memories like that of Macaulay.
- 14—Miss Duley: A student who doesn't need "Individual Attention".
- 15—Miss Musgrove: A quiet class.
- 16—Coach Carmody: A bottle of BLUE INK. (To write in the Athletic Association Ledger).
- 17—Mr. Joyce: Some good radio talent for the Pittsfield High School Radio Guild.
- 18—Miss Jordan: A whistle detector. (The whistle bend in Room 149 had better be careful.)
- 19—Mr. McKenna: An unbreakable window in 101 to lean on.
- 20—Mr. Hennessy: A class made up entirely of boys to compensate for the one he has now consisting entirely of girls.
- 21—Miss Madden: A bigger and better cafeteria.
- 22—Messrs. McCarty, Reed, and Spina: A guide book of Pittsfield High School for new teachers.

23—Miss Morse: A quiet Home Room.

24—Mr. Carey: A telescope so that he can look down and see the LITTLE SOPHOMORES.

25—The Senior B Class: The vacancy left by us, the Senior A Class.

26—Miss Pfeiffer: Our best wishes for a bigger and better STUDENT'S PEN

27—Mr. Holly: More advertisements for THE STUDENT'S PEN.

28—Junior Class: The opportunity to become Lordly Seniors.

29—Unsuspecting Sophomores: GOOD ADVICE. Never believe what the Crafty Seniors tell you.

30—U. S. History Students: Beware of Miss Kalher's "Surprise Tests".

31—Commercial Students: Although Mr. Kriger is not a man of words, he is a man of action.

32—Husky Football Candidates: Bob Donna's place on the football squad is left in your hands to be filled.

33—All the Varsity Athletic Squads: Greatest Success in your contests.

34—Mr. Herrick: Our heartiest appreciation for all he has done for the betterment of our class from the time that we were Junior A's until the very day of our graduation.

WE, the Last of a Long Line of January Graduating Classes of Pittsfield High School, Pittsfield, Massachusetts, do, on this twenty-fourth (24th) day of January, in the Year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-Nine (1939), hereby sign, but do not seal because of the extra expense it would involve, this document, our last Will and Testament, in the presence of the following witnesses:

SIGNED:

January, 1939, Graduating Class

Pittsfield High School, Pittsfield, Mass.

By Paul C. Aronstein.

Pen

Pen Holder, P. H. S.

Ink

Ink Well, P. H. S.

Paper

Paper Storage Room, P. H. S.

Highlights of the Class of January, 1939

By John Mangum

Here are the highlights of the Class of January, 1939, during our sojourn in the classrooms of dear old P. H. S. January 26, 1936 we entered as lowly sophomores, knowing full well that we would reach the heights as the most outstanding class ever to graduate from Pittsfield High School.

On the day of our entrance, we were ushered into the auditorium, where we became acquainted with Mr. Strout, the late Mr. Ford, and Miss Parker, the principal, dean of boys and dean of girls respectively. It was our first get together as a class.

We met officially as a class for the first time on October 8, 1937, to nominate a committee to submit candidates for our class officers and class adviser.

Do You Remember-

--OUR FIRST DAY
AT P.H.S.?



GOSH!



--WHEN
WE GOT OUR
PROOFS FROM
SHAPIRO'S?



OH GEE!
THEY'RE SWELL.



MAY I?

--WHAT
A BIG
SUCCESS OUR
PROM WAS?



--- THE
AIRPLANES
FLYING
AROUND
THE STUDY
HALLS?

John Nelson

On October 20, 1937, we met again to elect class officers and an adviser from the list of names submitted by the nominating committee. We elected as our Junior A Officers, Neil Connelly, President; Joseph Miszczak, Vice President; Zita Parro, Secretary; and Nanette Goetze, Treasurer. Mr. Herrick was chosen class adviser.

Our Junior Prom, held on December 10, 1937, was a success, artistically, socially, and financially. Our guests of honor for that evening were Superintendent and Mrs. E. J. Russell, Principal and Mrs. Roy M. Strout, the late vice principal, Mr. John A. Ford, dean of girls, Miss Nellie J. Parker, Miss Caroline Musgrove, Miss Elizabeth M. McLaughlin, Mr. Joseph McGovern, Mr. James Conroy and Mr. Edward McKenna. One hundred and fifty couples danced in a garden of Christmas evergreens to the music of Bill Dehey.

The close of 1938 saw us presenting our Senior A play. After the play committee, under the supervision of Mr. Herrick, our class adviser, and George Milne, our play chairman, had considered various plays, we decided to produce Booth Tarkington's "Seventeen". Miss Kelly was chosen to coach and direct. About two-thirds of our class tried out for the different characters and by the process of elimination the cast was chosen. After weeks of rehearsing, we produced "Seventeen" on the 16th of December, 1938. It was a huge success, thanks to Miss Kelly, Mr. Herrick and their able assistants.

There still remain two important events in our career. On January twenty-fourth we shall receive our diplomas and on January twenty-sixth we shall hold our class banquet at the Hotel Wendell. After that we shall be on "our own" in the cold, cold world.

Important Dates

JANUARY 27, 1936—We enter Pittsfield High for the first time.

OCTOBER 8, 1937—As Junior A's we organize.

OCTOBER 20, 1937—We elect Junior A Class officers.

OCTOBER 28, 1937—We select our Prom Chairman and committees.

DECEMBER 10, 1937—We hold our Junior Prom.

FEBRUARY 8, 1938—We elect Senior B Class officers.

MARCH 8, 1938—Our ring chairman is elected.

SEPTEMBER 12, 1938—As Senior A's we nominate our Class officers.

SEPTEMBER 16, 1938—We elect our Senior Class officers.

OCTOBER 26, 1938—We elect our Class Picture Chairman.

NOVEMBER 1, 1938—We elect our Editor-in-Chief of our Year Book and our Cap and Gown Chairman.

DECEMBER 16, 1938—We present Booth Tarkington's "Seventeen" as our Senior Play.

JANUARY 20, 1939—Class Day.

JANUARY 24, 1939—We graduate.

JANUARY 26, 1939—We celebrate our graduation with a banquet.

Class Prophecy of the Class of January, 1939

Pittsfield High School

Pittsfield, Mass.

March 10, 1939

Fellow Classmate of 1939:

You may not have realized that this year marks the eleventh anniversary of our graduation from Pittsfield High School, and is also the year chosen for our class reunion. Perhaps you have lost contact with your old classmates; so, in order that you may not feel too ignorant of what they are doing, I have compiled a list of the occupations of all the members of the class of January, 1939.

Lillian Belcher is sponsoring a "Lonely Hearts Hour" on WBRK; and, incidentally, George Cote is behind the voice which carries these heartrending dramas to you.

Henry Ellins has unexpectedly turned novelist, and his first attempt is labelled: "The Art of the Upward Glance." Eleanor Roe posed for the illustrations.

Norman Rees, Ruth Lehmann, Bronick Watroba, and Helen Mullen are running a large poultry establishment. Their slogan is: "Hatch as Hatch Can."

People suffering from insomnia are cared for by Anthony Rizzo and Berlie Thompson, who have discovered a new cure. Did the idea originate in history class by any chance?

Lewis Gomes, Edward Wuinee, and Louis Burke have just returned from a scientific expedition into South Africa which proved so uneventful that they abandoned their original intentions and ended up loafing in a native village where, in their spare time, they taught the natives how to make patchwork quilts.

The swanky new Finishing School for Girls on upper Dalton Avenue is under the capable management of Nellie Spasyk and Elinor Ross.

Murray Levine, Paul Aronstein, and Leon Levine have had to close their night club on Broadway, "The Sky's the Limit." It seems the customers went sky-high every night and Police Commissioner George Bunnell objected.

Nanette Goetze, who has been employed as matron of the State Farm for several years, has been promoted to the Head of the Entertainment Department at Alcatraz. We hear she's intensely devoted to her work.

Louise Kemp, Lillian Gillett, Lorraine Jansen, and Bertha Keiler are in the throes of marital bliss. Extremely vital in the interests of all seem to be the price of vegetables at this time and baby's newest tooth. One matter upon which all four agree is: "Aren't men hard to please?"

Joseph Barile recently defeated Jimmy Fidler in a Fast Talking Contest.

Mary Markham, Alberta Elliott, Anne Stebbins, and Catherine Brown have been dropped from the Women's Force of the Canadian Mounted. After they got their first man, they lost interest in getting others.

George Milne has been doing dramatic work. His last part was as the moon in the revival of "Moon Over Miami." Charles Knox is his stand-in.

Edith Moore is a noted author. Her latest success is entitled: "Man Alone" or "The Lone Ranger."

New additions to the nurses' staff of the new Newton Hospital in Ipswich, Mass., are Bernice Boland, Marion Meehan, Ina Shorkey, Thelma MacKinnon, and Helen McKee. The hospital, of which the society leader Ruth Newton is benefactor, was designed and built by Markowitz, Miller, Marzano, Inc., architects and contractors of the highest standard.

The most diminutive of our girl graduates, Jane Hughes and Barbara Bonzanini have surprised us all by opening a training school for potential lady boxers. Their motto is: "Anyone can be big and strong—try our way." They just don't seem to be the type —.

Out in Cheshire we have reports of a Camp for Wayward Boys run by R. Costello, J. Coltrara, and A. Conti. They call it the "CCC Camp."

Kenneth Shaw and Irving Morse have spent years attempting to perfect a mechanical device for testing the strength of soap bubbles.

Neil Connelly interviews screen stars for facts about their private lives. His most recent victim was Marion Murphy, the character actress who never did grow up. The interview consisted chiefly of "why Miss Murphy lets her fingernails grow two inches long." I've read the article and I still don't know.

Ovila Palardy, Gordon Ruesch, and Charles Trzcinka are co-partners in a big candy corporation: "The Kandie Kitchen." Girls behind the counter drawing many male customers are Camellia Saharceski, Isabel Thode, Lucy Scalise, and Mary Weatherby.

Lawrence Selkowitz, leader of the famous band, "The Bouncing Rhythm Boys," is trying to revive the swing version of "Loch Lomond."

Zita Bring-'em-Back-Alive Porro has just returned from another trip to Africa. She is founding a new zoo at Wahconah Park endowed by Irving Shumway. Did she bring you back too, Irv?

Robert Stanton is attempting a trip around the world in a canoe without a sail. His motto is "Paddle your own canoe."

David Wade, Robert Tucker, John Nelson and Louis Winnard have begun a new school for bashful girls. Louie's eyes get 'em every time.

Mary Bianco has become a nationally known lecturer. Her greatest work is entitled, "How I Kept Lea Lovely, the Burlesque Queen, from Growing Cynical."

John Mangum, Gerard Lamy, and John Harder have gone into business in a big way. You can find them every year stationed in front of P. H. S. during the month of December selling Christmas trees.

Patricia Moyce, Helen Hurley, Frances Sacchetti, and Helen Harris are the first women to cross the Atlantic on snowshoes equipped with outboard motors.

Dorino Blasoli and Harry Nugai have gone to Alaska for a spell to try to sell electric refrigerators to the Eskimos. (There's something queer there, I fear.)

Donald Meyer, Elizabeth Mole, and Elizabeth Auger are conducting a school for young hopefuls. Main object is teaching the kiddies how to do tight-rope walking on skis.

Joseph Miszczak and Joseph Mogavero are in charge of the editorial department of "The Evening Gazette", owned by Bruno Corino, and Bill Kent. On their page at the moment they are holding a heated written discussion with a rival paper on the subject: "Should We Revive the Shag?"

Richard Murphy, Winthrop Boyd, and Alexander Bocking have opened a synthetic jewelry store on Bank Row.

Little country girls who have a yen for the stage eventually turn up at Norma Stoessel's drama school in Greenwich Village, New York.

George Wheeler's executive power, so well-concealed in high school, has finally asserted itself. He's now president of the Acme Wrecking Company. His able secretary, Helen Zaccarini, has had another raise in salary for her extraordinary work.

Jean Morgan is the wife of Robert Thompson, wealthy munitions manufacturer. Jean donates large sums to World Peace Programs.

Richard Fields and Patrick Ennis are pitching for the Boston Bees. And we don't mean hay!

Carlo Sacchetti and George Clum are world-famous psychoanalysts. Edna Magill is always bringing her husband to be analyzed and reformed. No success to date. Having trouble, Scott?

Jean Burness has just recovered from a nervous breakdown precipitated by her arduous duties as official hostess for Charles Monterosso's Training School for the Mentally Deficient.

Carolyn Tabor and Mary Makes conduct the Knitting School of the Air. Carolyn knits and Mary listens. Tune in sometime.

Bernice Viale and Arlene Bovett are co-partners of the famous gown shop, "Modes of the Moment," on Fifth Avenue, which I recognize by its slogan: "Folderol That Flatters Fortyish Figures."

Rosemary Kinney has fluttered into a new stage interpretation of "Man on the Loose." I hear it's quite an exhausting play, what with the "man" evading capture and Miss Kinney forgetting her lines. It's said she's losing her grip. (And such a promising start she had; "Seventeen"—remember?)

Jennie Naprava and Norma Foley are both on the campus at Simmons as house mothers at I Otta Rho and Why Eta Pie Fraternities.

Sylvia Israels and Helen Markowitz, the laughing parachute jumpers, forgot to laugh recently when they landed on some of Mary Ireland's cactus plants in California.

The former football captains of Harvard and Yale, Robert Donna and Bernard Carmell respectively, have taken positions as coaches for their old alma maters. They still remain good friends except during the football season.

The ideal place for tourists is the new "Heavenly Rest," ably operated by Elizabeth Kimball. Her two competent assistants are Eleanor Herforth and Nina Koronchik, who are certainly assets for this enterprise.

Paul Formel and Allen Lasher are trying to revive the Organ Grinder Fad in New York City. You can find them daily tramping the sidewalks, accompanied by their respective monkeys, Tony and Mikey. Good luck, boys!

Charlotte MacKelvie and Rose Boivin have been submitting articles to the Berkshire Evening Eagle on "How to Know that Your True Love is Not Crooked."

I hear that Joseph Litano, the once multi-millionaire, is quite broken up over his enormous losses at the roulette wheel in Monte Carlo. It seems when he finished, he barely had money left to get home. Where did you pick up this trait, Joe?

Rita Sherman has been employed by "Roddy" to play nursemaid to his wife's children while Barbara recuperates from "dishpan hands."

The Beatrice Lillie of today has just signed a four-year contract to appear abroad. Congratulations to Helen Cronin who has made the old saying "Laugh, and the world laughs with you" so true.

Francis Bacon has joined the ranks of that strange group of people known as the "gay divorcés". He wouldn't put up with his wife after their honeymoon because she served him bacon and eggs for breakfast. It seems Francis is definitely allergic to bacon.

John Alfonso and Francis Moriarty do all the drawings for "Vogue." The position doesn't especially appeal to them—drawing women's clothes—but their readers refuse to let them resign. Reports are they receive simply "scads" of fan letters.

Olga Galvagni has recently opened the "Hot Spot of the Berkshires", a night club which is proving to be immensely popular. The opening was attended by Mayor Floyd Knight who commented favorably on it.

Louise Carnevale is the wife of the famous boxing champ, Kenny Sockim.

Thomas Daverin, Carmen Pizzuto, Walter Buksa, Joseph Christopher, Anthony Chiaretto, Albert Jaffe, and Stephen Homick are ardently defending the laurels of the Berkshire County Jail on the field of football with Anthony Nugent as coach. The sport was only recently adopted as a recreation for the janitors by Sheriff Andrew Fresia.

Alyce Murphy, Doris Andrews, and Dorothy Babcock are employed as instructors at the John Clary School of Movie Allure.

Ethel Chambers writes the majority of the songs for all G. M. G. musical pictures. G. M. G. stands for Gray, MacDonald, and Giagnorio, as you probably know.

That, friends, ends the tidbits which have come to my notice. I hope they will arouse your interest and reawaken your memories so much that you simply cannot stay away from our reunion.

Cordially,

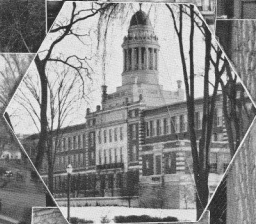
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Toast to the Boys	Nanette Goetz
To the Girl Athletes	Bernard Carmell
To the Boy Athletes	Jennie Naprava
Remarks	Mr. Roy M. Strout, Principal
Remarks	Mr. Edward J. Russell, Superintendent



Class Statistics

	Boy	Girl
BRAINIEST	Lewis Gomes	Nellie Spasyk
MOST RELIABLE	Lewis Gomes	Nellie Spasyk
CLEVEREST	George Scott	Helen Cronin
MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED	Leon Levine	Zita Porro
MOST ACTIVE	George Milne	Jennie Naprava
BEST ALL AROUND	Neil Connelly	Nanette Goetze
MOST POPULAR	Neil Connelly	Zita Porro
MOST BUSINESS LIKE	Leon Levine	Edith Moore
BEST ATHLETE	Bernard Carmell	Jennie Naprava
QUIETEST	Edward Wuinee	Barbara Bonzanini
BEST LOOKING	John Clary	Zita Porro
CLASS PET	Joseph Miszczak	Marion Murphy
CUTEST	Joseph Miszczak	Jane Hughes
BEST DRESSED	Neil Connelly	Bernice Viale
CLASS SHIEK (Sheba)	George Milne	Rosemary Kinney
WOMAN HATER (Man Hater)	George Clum	Ina Shorkey
CLASS COMEDIAN (Comedienne)	Anthony Nugent	Helen Cronin
BEST DANCER	George Milne	Nanette Goetze
MOST POPULAR TEACHER (Man)		Mr. Herrick
MOST POPULAR TEACHER (Woman)		Miss Kalther
MOST POPULAR SUBJECT		U. S. History
MOST UNPOPULAR SUBJECT		U. S. History
CLASS ORATOR		George Clum
CLASS POET		Ethel Chambers
FAVORITE SPORT		Football
FAVORITE EXPRESSION		You ain't lying?
FAVORITE ORCHESTRA		Tommy Dorsey
FAVORITE ACTOR		Errol Flynn
FAVORITE SINGER		Bing Crosby
MOST POPULAR DANCE		Shag
MOST POPULAR SONG		In My Reverie



THE 1938 FOOTBALL SQUAD

Boys' Sports

By Irving H. Shumway, Jr.

This is to pay tribute to as fine a group of athletes as ever represented the Purple and White, the boys of the January class of 1939.

First we salute the group of lettermen, who, though few in number, were great in action. Their deeds will linger long in the memory of the followers of the Purple Elephant.

BERNARD CARMELL—Bernard was a tackle on the football team and a fine one too, being a first stringer ever since his sophomore year. He was the only member of our class to win three letters.

ROBERT DONNA—Bob was a member of the football squad for three years, winning two letters as a tackle. Although crippled most of this season, nevertheless he was a nominee for All Berkshire honors.

CARMEN PIZZUTO—Carmen was another of our boys who was on the football squad for three years,—a shining example of what perseverance will do. It was not until his senior year that he won recognition and a letter as a guard.

CHARLES TRZCINKA—"Chuck", who is a back, is another of our boys whose continual plugging finally won him fame and a letter in his senior year after two seasons of almost continual bench warming.

JOSEPH LITANO—Joe is another back. Although a member of the grid squad for two years, he was not rewarded with a letter until his last season.

ANTHONY CONTI—"Bull", as he is popularly called, was the most versatile of our athletes. He was a member of the football squad last year, and would have played regular this season, but for an appendix operation. He was also a member of the basketball squad two seasons and the baseball squad three. Oh yes, he has a letter too.

JOSEPH MISZCEK—Joe, who is the forgotten man of our class, being our vice-president, didn't go out for athletics till his senior year, but then he proceeded to make history as a member of the four-man relay team. He won a letter for this service.

These are our lettermen. —Their deeds will linger long after they have departed from the portals of Pittsfield High.

Others who deserve a rousing cheer are those self sacrificing individuals who, although never appearing in the limelight, went uncomplainingly on their way with the knowledge of a job well done—the lowly scrubs. Yes, the lowly scrubs—but as any coach knows, an important part of any squad, and there are many of us who secretly wished that we could have served even in this meager capacity.

Here are the boys who made the varsities what they were:

Francis Bacon—Wrestling '37, '38

Joseph Coltrane—Track '36

Richard Fields—Boxing '37

George Milne—Football '36, '37

Donald Meyer—Football '38

Anthony Nugent—Baseball '38

Joseph Palardy—Basketball '37

Gordon Reusch—Football '36, '38;

Basketball '36

George Scott—Football '36, '37

Berlie Thompson—Track '36

David Wade—Tennis '36

Girls' Sports

The last few years have shown that girls' sports are fast becoming a most important extra-curricular activity. Now, more than ever before, our physical education department offers a wide variety of sports. In the spring tennis is taught for the benefit of beginners, while the more advanced players are given an opportunity to display their skill by entering the annual tournament. Baseball is another sport that is taken up at this time. The girls practice for several weeks and then a regular team is picked to play in the Interclass Tournament.

In the fall the girls can go out for hockey, track, volley ball and archery. Hockey and volley ball are taken up in the same way as baseball, while in track the individual classes have preliminary meets. Then the highest scorers in these contests come together in the final school meet. Archery is taken by seniors only.

During the winter the girls have class swimming groups from which the school team is chosen. Basketball is another sport in which the girls participate at this time. Bowling, though its existence has been comparatively short in our school, is attracting more and more girls. Then too, there is the Shawn Dancing Group, which interests many.

Numerals are given to the girl who has made a team or has accumulated one hundred fifty points.

A letter is given to the girl whose team has won a tournament or to the girl who has earned four numerals.

A monogram is given to the girl who has won four letters.

Several girls of the Class of January 1939 have distinguished themselves in the field of sports during their high school careers. These few girls have striven and reached their goals.

Two girls, having received their numerals and letters, have been awarded monograms, the highest awards given by the Physical Training Department. They are Nellie Spasyk and Jennie Naprava. A letter has been awarded to Rita Sherman. Numerals have been awarded to: Lucy Scalise, and Katherine Brown.

The following girls were Squad Leaders and received Squad Leader's emblems: Nellie Spasyk, Jennie Naprava, Carolyn Tabor, Isabel Thode, Lillian Gillett, Rita Sherman.



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